

## **Iowa Department of Human Services**

| CENTERS-Environment   |  |  |   |  |
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| Level 1   | Level 2  | Level 3  | Level 4   | Level 5  |
| Center will develop and implement a policy regarding (as applicable to age served): -Supervision -Safe Sleep Policy -Playground Equipment Stability and Fall Surfacing *all policies must be                    | Complete Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training (Director or Assistant Director) Choose between ITERS-R, ECERS-R or SACERS, if applicable.  AND   | 10% of Teaching Staff complete Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training series appropriate to age group served. Choose between ITERS-R, ECERS-R, or SACERS.   | ERS scoresheet and Child Care Center Improvement Plan completed for 1/3 of classrooms using appropriate scale. Minimum of 1 classroom per scale if applicable.  AND   | ERS assessment completed on 1/3 of classroom, with an overall score of 5 achieved in each. Minimum of 1 classroom per scale if applicable.  AND  |
| aligned with Caring for Our Children-see companion document  AND  All teaching staff:  Complete an Interaction and Relationship Self-Assessment  -OR-  Complete CLASS assessment for the age-level being served | Readily available books, pictures /posters and other materials <sup>8</sup> which display culture, age, race, ability and gender diversity  AND  Child Record Review Conducted  AND  Center will develop and implement a policy regarding: -Playground Inspection -Exposure Control Plan -Strangulation Prevention *all policies must be aligned with Caring for Our Children-see companion document | Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs  AND  Center will develop and implement a policy regarding: -Oral health -Sign-in/sign-out tracking system *all policies must be aligned with Caring for Our Children-see companion document | 15% of Teaching Staff complete Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training series appropriate to age group served. Choose between ITERS-R, ECERS-R, or SACERS.  AND  Has corrected 50% of identified hazards on the Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs (including all Notice of Urgent Need items) | 20% of Teaching Staff complete Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training series appropriate to age group served. Choose between ITERS-R, ECERS-R, or SACERS.  AND ISU assessment (ERS score of 5 or higher)  AND Has corrected 75% of identified hazards on the Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs. |